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Announcing the 2021 Hipple Award Winner:

Congratulations James Blasingame!

Dr. Blasingame has played a significant role in shaping ALAN into the organization it is today. He served as Co-Editor of The ALAN Review from 2003-2009 and in the ALAN presidential line from 2009-2011. Most recently, he served as the Executive Director of ALAN from 2016-2020.

During his time in each of these roles, above all, Jim has been a friend and mentor to members of the ALAN family. Unfailingly positive, genuinely encouraging, and steadily present, Jim truly listens to those around him—never to judge, but always to understand. Jim consistently leads by example and is steadfast in his commitment to equity and representation both in young adult literature and within ALAN. The grace with which he has navigated his leadership positions and the important advocacy work he has accomplished are constant reminders to all of us that love, empathy, and compassion are at the center of our shared work.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. James Blasingame! We look forward to honoring him at the 2021 ALAN Breakfast.



ALAN is Extending Applications for the New ALAN Membership Committee Chair

ALAN Membership Committee Chair Created March 2021

The membership committee chair will direct the ALAN state representative volunteers, work with the ALAN booth committee, create announcements and programming to promote ALAN, and overall work to boost membership.

The compensation for this position will be a yearly complimentary registration for the ALAN workshop along with a complimentary membership to ALAN. The position will be a 3-year term.

To apply, please complete the following:

A statement of approximately, but not limited to, 500 words describing your ideas for the position:

A positionality statement explaining your professional expertise and your identities [e.g. ability, gender, race, ethnicity, etc.]? What potential biases, assumptions, and values might inform your approach to this position?

Responses due at midnight, May 1, 2021 unless emailed for an extension. Email to: Mark Letcher, ALAN Executive Director: markletcher@gmail.com
Sarah Ressler Wright, 2021 ALAN President: sarahressler@gmail.com

Check Out Sync: A Free Summer Audiobooks for Teens Program!

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SYNC returns April 29, 2021



FREE audiobook titles per week starting April 29, 2021. Teens, librarians, club leaders, and educators must register for SYNC and download OverDrive's Sora app to their device of choice.

Authors presented in this year's collection include Tim Wynne-Jones, Kimberly Drew, and Monica Hesse. Narrators who provide their skills for teen listeners this season include Bahni Turpin, Michael Crouch, and Emily Woo Zeller, among the 28 FREE available titles.

Titles are accessible in [Sora, the student reading app from OverDrive](#), and are Mac and Windows compatible.

Submit to the New ALAN Picks

The new ALAN Picks is seeking articles that analyze teaching strategies designed to increase student engagement with YA texts in middle, secondary and university classroom and library communities. On this page, you'll find information on manuscript guidelines, upcoming calls for manuscripts, and author guidelines.

Check out more information on the New ALAN Picks Website [here](#) including calls for manuscripts.

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Supporting ALAN

There are so many ways to support ALAN...coming to the workshop, voting, running for the Board, volunteering...and donating. Please support ALAN's Grant Projects by donating. Just click the button!

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